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*****NEWS ADVISORY*****

**National Institute on Drug Abuse to discuss results of
2015 Monitoring the Future survey**

The National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) will hold a teleconference and Twitter chat on Wednesday, December 16, to discuss the results of the 2015 Monitoring the Future (MTF) survey. The survey, conducted earlier this year by scientists at the University of Michigan, tracks annual drug use and attitudes among eighth, 10th, and 12th-grade students. NIDA is part of the National Institutes of Health within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

This year's MTF survey will include attitudes about, and prevalence of, marijuana use, prescription medications, e-cigarettes, synthetic cannabinoids (K2/Spice), alcohol, tobacco and other drugs.

MTF is one of three major survey instruments HHS uses to monitor the nation's substance use patterns among teens. Information from these surveys helps to provide strategic planning for prevention, treatment, and recovery support services for youth. The MTF survey has real-time results, with findings announced the same year the data is collected.

WHAT: Teleconference to discuss the 2015 Monitoring the Future Survey results, which will be officially released at 12:01 a.m. EST on December 16.

WHEN: **Wednesday, December 16, 2015 from 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. EST**

WHERE: To dial into the teleconference, call: 800-369-1185, Participant passcode: 8301859

Materials for the teleconference will be posted online December 16 at
www.drugabuse.gov/related-topics/trends-statistics/monitoring-future.

WHO: **Featured Speakers**

Nora D. Volkow, M.D.
Director, National Institute on Drug Abuse

Michael Botticelli
Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy

Lloyd D. Johnston, Ph.D., Principal Investigator
Institute for Social Research, University of Michigan

Richard A. Miech, Ph.D., Research Professor
Institute for Social Research, University of Michigan

The NIDA Twitter chat will be held from 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. EST. Dr. Jack Stein, Director, Office of Science Policy and Communications, will host the chat.

Follow Monitoring the Future 2015 news on Twitter at [@NIDANews](https://twitter.com/NIDANews) or join the conversation by using: [#MTF2015](https://twitter.com/MTF2015).

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